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Death of a Centenarian.

Oct. 5, 1792, Mrs. Mary McKinley

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The above item was taken from a Chi. engo paper of the recent date. The grand-daughter referred to, is Miss Mabel McKinley of Stony Ridge, who was the daughter of Wm. McKinley and her mother was privious to her mariage, Miss Ameria VanHellen of Perrysburg.

Probate Matters.

Sarah Schifferly appointed executrix of the estate of Henry Schifferly. F. B. Dodge and Elisha P. Averill ppointed executors of the estate of Henry E. Averill. Application filed for probate of the will of Michael Bates.

New Court Cases. Louis Feder et al. vs. W. H. Aldrich al.; foreclosure of mortgage. Baldwin & Harrington. Geo. W. Radford vs. the Detroit Petroleum Co.; on promissory note. Baldwin & Harrington.

Hammacher, Schlemmer & Co. vs.
the North Baltimore Furniture Co.; for
money, Taylor & Westenhaver.
The Jackson Glass Works vs. The
North Baltimore Furniture Co.; on
promissory note. Taylor and Westen-

The Nolan Oil Co. vs G. W. Barnes et al.; for injunction. Baldwin & Har-rington and Rush Abbott.

Daniel Mercer vs. James Gatchouse et al., to quiet title. Ira C. Taber. Orrin A. Ballard vs. W. S. Parker et al.; foreclosure. Ballard & Franks. The Un on Central Life lus. Co. vs. Emma A. Carlin et al.; Foreclosure. James & Beverstock and Clem V. Wag-

Mellie C. Cotterman vs. J. M. Carrothers et al. as executors of the last will of Jacob Gundy. On promissory Baidwin and Harrington. Chauncey A. Houston vs. John Bak-

; for money. Dodge & Canary. Gottleib Otterback vs. Wildiam B. rost et al.; Foreclosure. Troup & Dunn. The First National Bank of North

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Bushong & Spittler vs. Florence Haunan: proceedings certified from J. P. Taylor & Westenhaver. Court.

Transfers. Frank Rogers to H. E. Henschen, 80 ieres, Webster, \$3,200. Franklin Swander to Louis Myers 40 eres, Center, \$1.450.

Jason Koons to Franklin Swander, 40 cres, Center, \$2,200. lot. Bloomdale, \$100, F. J. and S. L. Long to F. J. Banks.

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J A Whitman to Mary C Low, lot, John H R thart to Jennie E France, lot B'coindate, \$2200. S T Bell to Orrin O Sage, lot Brac-

ner. 1525. Murtha Daniels to Alice M King et al, 5) acres, Middleton township, \$3000. Martha Daniels to Inez M Daniels, 10 acres, Middleton township, \$600. Mutha Daniels to Prudeuce J Simon 10 52-100 acres, Middleton township,

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Samuel J McCrory to Rachael A McCro y, lot Bowling Green, \$1000.

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Lydia J Simon to Jared Lazell, lot Bookston, \$200. Bandstown, \$300.

The Art Amateur for December is a holiday number, emphatically. The increased size of the magazine, its profuse illustrations, including the head of the pretty girl who wishes us "The Covnpliments of the Season," and the "Suggestions for Church Decoration" combine to show this. The designs for embroidery, china painting, wood-carving, modelling in clay and repousse work are n merous and beautiful. Directions are given for treating the Color Plates and the Supplement Designs, and the Correspondence columns answer question : relating to painting in oils, watercol rs and pastel, crayon drawing, painting on glass, pen drawing and illustra-tion, church and home decoration, and other subjects Art News and Notes and illustrated reviews of holiday books are among other attractions. Price, 35 cents a number. Montague Marks, publisher, 23 Union Square, N. Y.

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HE MISTLETOE.

New Year Custom New Ax with Christynas. The mi s for many years been generally ed with the celebration of C but in fact the cutting of th be was in honor of the New Year

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The Druids were summoned to meet at this time by the supreme pontiff. The priests came forth from their forests and traversed their various districts, inviting the faithful to follow them with the cry of kal (first day of the year) or kalonna (gifts) to attend the holy ceremony of gui (mistletoe) of the New Year.

The supreme pontiff of the Druidical order was, as it were, its pope. Immense numbers of the clergy and laity were present at the fete. The ceremony opened with a search for the famous mistletoe upon a tree of thirty years' growth, and the mistletoe so found was to become by its consecration the pancristrum or panacea for all woes.

When the mistletoe was found, a triangular altar of earth was raised at the foot of the tree on which it had been discovered, and then commenced a procession. First marched the Engali, conducting two white bulls, which had never been subjected to a yoke. These were followed by the bards, who sang hymns in honor of the Supreme Being. Next came the novices, students and disciples, accompanied by a herald in white. Then followed the most ancient pontiffs-one carrying bread that was to be offered up; the second two vesselsone filled with water and the other with wine, and the third a hand made of ivory attached to a wand, symbolical of justice and power. Next came the clergy, preceded by the supreme pontiff in a white robe and wearing a girdle of gold, and the procession closed with the nobles and the people.

The cortege having arrived beneath the tree, the officiant, after prayers, burned a morsel of bread and poured some wine and wate: on the altar and divided what remained among the as sistant priests. This done, he ascended the tree and cut off with a golden sickle the mistletoe and dropped it into the robe of one of the principal pontiffs, who received it with profound reverence. The supreme pontiff, aided by the Eubagi, then immolated the two bulls and concluded the religious ceremony by praying, with his arms raised, that God would permit his benediction to rest upon the gift he was about to distribute among the people, then prostrate upon the ground.

Immediately afterward the inferior priests distributed as a gift to the assembled multitude particles of the sacred mistletoe. They sent portions also to the temple and to the chieftains, who felt honored in receiving it, and who, as an act of devotion and as a talisman against harm, wore it round their necks in time of war.

spirits were expelled by it. Nothing evil was capable of diminishing its celestial power, and lightning itself would not fall upon the house that contained it .- Philadelphia Times.

New Year's Gifts.

In England the observance of New Year's day by the bestowal of gifts dates from the Casars. In the Seventeenth century it was customary for the Enghish nobility to send purses of gold to the king. The reason prompting this custom of gifts arose from belief that it was a message drawn from the first things met with on the beginning of a T. J. Campbell to L. J. Hemminger, t. Bloomdele, \$100, rejoicing with friends at their escape from the year's dangers, joined to mu-Andrew Hatfield to Nathan Hatfield, tual congratulations for the future, by presents and good wishes for the happy continuance of good fortune, is a proper view of life and its duties.

In olden times hospitalities were re-newed by offerings called xenia, which was the name bestowed upon New Year's gifts, as serving to renew friendship, one of the greatest blessings imparted by heaven to man; a blessing not fully appreciated by the community at large at the present moment. The Dutch had evidently brought their good old fashioned ideas of friendship with them when they landed here, and they had acquired them before quitting their native land from pretty nearly the same sources as other nations. - Exchange.

An Anecdote of the Olden Time. In the time of Charles I of England a court jester was cleverly outwitted by a nobleman, who had, according to the custom of the day, presented the jester

with a sum of money.

On New Year's morning the j came into the presence of the noblem. and received, as he expected, a number of gold pieces. He thought he had no been given enough, so he tossed them in his hand, muttering that they were light. The nobleman saw this, and said, "Prithce, Archy, let me see them again; and, by the way, there is one of them I would be loath to part with."

Naturally enough, perhaps, Archy thought more coins were to be added to his store, so he willingly returned them to his lordship. But the nobleman put them into his pocket, saying, "I once gave my money into the hands of a fool who hadn't the wit to keep it."-Philsdelphia Record.

The New Year. The New Year rises from night's silent tide,
As Venus rose from out the feaming spray,
And with his dimpled arms extended wide
Smiles on the glories of Time's newborn day.
With blushing pride upon his tinted cheek,
And love light flashing from his sparkling

eye, Be feels a rapture which he dare not speak, Last this bright vision fade from earth and -New Orleans Times-Democrat.

He had a Christmas frolic
And a New Year's jambores.
And when he came unto himself
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